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### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.)** – Letter – 3/11/13: Constituent concerns about radioactive contamination at the West Lake Landfill site in Bridgeton. Due: 3/25/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.)** – Letter – 3/11/13: Constituent concern about fines and penalties as the result of the sale and inventory of a registered pesticide. Due: 3/25/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.)** – Letter – 3/11/13: Constituent concern about CWA violations by Home Owners Association. Due: 3/25/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Ann Wagner (Mo.)** – Letter – 2/20/13: Constituent request to terminate EPA inspection involving his property, RNC Enterprises. Due: 2/28/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Melanie Meier (Kan.)** – email – 3/15/13: Question on old landfill site in Leavenworth. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Rolling Stone – Steven Hsieh** – 3/8/13: Follow-up questions on West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**Omaha World-Herald – Emily Knorr** – 3/12/13: Questions about the Omaha Lead Superfund Site, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Associated Press (St. Louis) – Jim Salter** – 3/14/13: Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Mexico Ledger (Missouri) – Kimberley Long – 3/14/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Pharmalot.com – Ed Silverman – 3/15/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**In-PharmaTechnologist.com – Dan Stanton – 3/15/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KWWR-KXEO Radio, Mexico, Mo. – Dave Thomas – 3/15/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KBIA Public Radio, Columbia, Mo. - Dave Growden - 3/15/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**BNA Environmental Reporter – Chris Brown – 3/14/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KSSZ Radio, Columbia, Mo. – Randy Brooks – 3/14/13:** Questions about settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA for air, water and hazardous waste violations at Mexico, Mo., facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KMOV Channel 4, St. Louis – Bob Cyphers – 3/15/13:** Questions about West Lake Landfill near Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Riverfront Times, St. Louis – Sam Levin – 3/15/13:** Questions about West Lake Landfill near Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**KTVI Ch. 2, St. Louis – Kevin Pope** - 3/15/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill near Bridgeton, Mo.  
Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**Wall Street Journal - Iowa Is Pushed to Combat Farm Pollution | With Hog-Waste Runoff Blamed for Fouling Drinking Water, EPA Urges State to Step Up Oversight of Livestock Facilities** - 3/15/13 - Federal regulators are pushing the nation's largest pork-producing state to start inspecting thousands of livestock and poultry operations in response to concerns over water pollution caused by runoff and spills from ever-larger farms.  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324392804578358553768567758.html>

**PR Newswire - Missouri Coalition for the Environment: Experts Brief Missouri Public Officials About Nuclear Weapons Waste And Landfill Fire Risks At Republic Services' West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill** - 3/15/13 - Two independent experts briefed public officials from the St. Louis region today about their assessment of the risks posed by the fire and nuclear weapons wastes at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo. <http://littleurl.info/mocoalitionlandfill>

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Lawmakers to Attend Meeting on Bridgeton Landfill** – 3/15/13 - Several activist groups are claiming there has been “misinformation” about the situation at the West Lake Landfill, prompting those groups to hold today’s meeting with elected officials.  
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/03/15/lawmakers-to-attend-meeting-on-bridgeton-landfill/>

**KMOX Radio - Expert: Underground Fire In Bridgeton Creates ‘Dirty Bomb’ Potential** - 3/15/13 - Those concerned about an underground fire burning in north St. Louis County are ramping up the rhetoric in their attempt to warn the public. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/03/15/expert-underground-fire-in-bridgeton-creates-dirty-bomb-potential/>

**Omaha World-Herald – Iowa ag secretary calls on farmers to reduce runoff** – 3/14/13 - Iowa’s secretary of agriculture told a gathering of farmers Wednesday that they should try to limit phosphorus and nitrogen runoff from their lands.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130314/NEWS/703149920/1694>

**Iowa Farmer Today - Water quality challenges lie ahead** - 3/14/13 - Iowa’s lakes and streams have put up with a lot — an ongoing struggle against trash and runoff, too much and too little water.  
[http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/water-quality-challenges-lie-ahead/article\\_12d2bc16-8c19-11e2-a8ed-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/water-quality-challenges-lie-ahead/article_12d2bc16-8c19-11e2-a8ed-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Iowa Farmer Today - Attorney plans to sue Corps over Missouri River flooding - 3/13/13 -** Landowners inundated by Missouri River flooding are preparing to sue the U.S. government, saying a recent Supreme Court ruling opens the door for them to receive damages, an attorney said March 5. [http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/attorney-plans-to-sue-corps-over-missouri-river-flooding/article\\_18067eca-8bf6-11e2-aecc-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/attorney-plans-to-sue-corps-over-missouri-river-flooding/article_18067eca-8bf6-11e2-aecc-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Iowa Farmer Today - Opinion: Time for farmers to step up to plate - 3/14/13 -** There's an adage in the nation's capital: If you're not at the table, you're on the menu. Please work with your state and national farm groups to stay engaged, to lead boldly, and to ensure U.S. farmers will be able to continue feeding and fueling the world for generations to come. [http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/opinion/time-for-farmers-to-step-up-to-plate/article\\_261c18c6-8cd7-11e2-b6e4-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/opinion/time-for-farmers-to-step-up-to-plate/article_261c18c6-8cd7-11e2-b6e4-001a4bcf887a.html)

**St. Louis Business Journal - Teva Pharmaceuticals to pay \$2.25 million to settle environmental charges - 3/14/13 -** After facing allegations that its plant in Mexico, Mo., violated several environmental laws, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. reached a settlement of \$2.25 million with state and federal officials. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/03/teva-pharmaceuticals-to-pay-225.html>

**Kansas City Business Journal - Teva \$2.25M violation stems from green liquid waste discoloring Salt River - 3/15/13 -** Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. has agreed to pay \$2.25 million in civil penalties for alleged environmental violations at its Mexico, Mo. facility. <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2013/03/15/teva-225m-violation-stems-from-green.html>

**Fox4 Kansas City - Pharmaceutical company to pay \$2.25M for Mo. pollution - 3/14/13 -** Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. has agreed to pay a \$2.25 million civil penalty to settle alleged violations of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the State of Missouri's Air Conservation Law, Clean Water Law, and Hazardous Waste Management Law at the company's facility in Mexico, Mo. <http://fox4kc.com/2013/03/14/pharmaceutical-company-to-pay-2-25m-for-mo-pollution/>

**Pharmalot.com – Teva Pays \$2.3 Million for Pollution Violations – 3/15/13 -** As increasing concern mounts over the extent to which pharmaceuticals may harm the water supply, drugmakers are being scrutinized quite closely for infractions that contribute to the problem. The latest instance involves Teva Pharmaceuticals, which agreed to pay \$2.3 million to resolve a series of violations at a Missouri plant where antibiotics are made. <http://www.pharmalot.com/>

**The Ledger, Mexico, Mo. - Teva Pharmaceuticals to pay \$2.25 million civil penalty – 3/15/13 -** Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. has agreed to pay a \$2.25 million civil penalty to settle alleged violations at the company's facility in Mexico, Mo., the Justice Department, EPA and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources announced Thursday. <http://www.mexicoledger.com/article/20130315/NEWS/130319158/1001/NEWS>

**Associated Press - \$2.25M penalty for Missouri pharmaceuticals plant** - 3/14/13 - Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. will pay a \$2.25 million penalty for violations that included allowing fluorescent green discharge into a river at its plant in northeast Missouri, state and federal officials said Thursday. <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/2-25m-penalty-missouri-pharmaceuticals-220106615.html>

**KRCG Ch. 13 Jefferson City, Mo. - Audrain County company agrees to \$2.25 million penalty** - 3/14/13 - Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, which manufactures antibiotics at a plant in Audrain County, had a consent decree lodged with the EPA in federal court for the resolution of environmental violations. <http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=872165>

**KY3 Springfield, Mo. - Missouri reaches \$2.25 mill. settlement with pharmaceutical company** - 3/14/13 - Attorney General Chris Koster announced today the joint lodging of a consent decree with EPA in federal court to resolve environmental violations at Teva Pharmaceuticals USA. Teva manufactures antibiotics at its plant outside of Mexico, Missouri, in Audrain County. [http://articles.ky3.com/2013-03-14/hazardous-waste\\_37723980](http://articles.ky3.com/2013-03-14/hazardous-waste_37723980)

**Dow Jones Newswire - Teva To Pay \$2.25 Million To Resolve Missouri Pollution Allegations** - 3/14/13 - Generic-drug maker Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (TEVA, TEVA.TV) will pay \$2.25 million to settle allegations its plant in Missouri broke environmental laws over a period of years, including by releasing pollutants that discolored part of a nearby river, the U.S. Justice Department said. <http://www.nasdaq.com/article/teva-to-pay-225-million-to-resolve-missouri-pollution-allegations-20130314-01256>

**WaterWorld - Teva Pharmaceuticals USA to Pay \$2.25M Civil Penalty for Air, Water, and Hazardous Waste Violations at Mexico, Mo., Facility** - 3/14/13 - The Justice Department, EPA and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources announced today that Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. has agreed to pay a \$2.25 million civil penalty to settle alleged environmental violations. <http://www.waterworld.com/news/2013/03/15/teva-pharmaceuticals-usa-to-pay-2-25m-civil-penalty-for-air-water-and-hazardous-waste-violations-at.html>

**Courthouse News Service - Feds Accuse Teva of Polluting Missouri** - 4/15/13 - A Teva Pharmaceuticals plant polluted Missouri's air and water with hazardous wastes, the United States claims in Federal Court. <http://www.courthousenews.com/2013/03/15/55745.htm>

**High Plains Journal (HPJ), Hays Kan. – KDHE refuses to provide EPA with concentrated animal feeding operation information** - 3/15/13 - While 30 states provided the information to EPA on state regulated animal feeding operations, Kansas did not.

<http://www.hpj.com/archives/2013/mar13/mar18/0308KDHERefusestoProvideCAF.cfm?t=KDHE-refuses->

[to-provide-EPA-with-concentrated-animal-feeding-operation-information](#)

**Wall-Street Journal - New Push to Securitize Renewable-Power Pacts** - 3/15/13 - The Obama administration and some on Wall Street are laying the groundwork for bundling renewable-power contracts into securities, part of an effort to make it cheaper to finance alternative energy.  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323293704578330283121248400.html>

**National Resource Report - Chicken species eyed for Endangered Status by EPA** - 3/15/13 - The Lesser Prairie-Chicken, a species of grouse found in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas should not be added to the "threatened" list under the Endangered Species Act.  
<http://naturalresourcereport.com/2013/03/chicken-species-eyed-for-endangered-status-by-epa/>

**Circle of Blue - Washington Water Main, March 14: Energy, EPA Director Nominations Pending** - 3/14/13 - Confirmation hearings are pending for President Barack Obama's nominees to lead the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.  
<http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2013/world/washington-water-main-march-14-energy-epa-director-nominations-pending/>

**Blog for Iowa - Iowans Plead With CAFO Farmer To Spare Them** - 3/14/13 - Last night I witnessed an incredible hearing on two proposed CAFOs to be built near Batavia — totaling 10,000 hogs — in Wapello County. About 50 neighbors of the farmer proposing the CAFOs poured out their hearts with their very legitimate concerns about how the CAFOs would ruin their quality of life and threaten their health.  
<http://www.blogforiowa.com/2013/03/14/iowans-plead-with-cafo-farmer-to-spare-them/>

**Hays Daily News (Kan.) – Opinion: Farmers, ranchers should heed EPA deadline** - 3/13/13 - Kansas farmers, ranchers and landowners: The deadline to file a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan looms just around the corner. The reality is that the containment aspect of the rule has been in place for almost 25 years, Swaffar said. As producers look at future petroleum storage projects they should factor in compliance with SPCC. <http://www.hdnews.net/opinionstory/Schlageck031413>

**KNEB Radio Scottsbluff, Neb. - Water restrictions becoming more likely** - 3/14/13 - As dry conditions persist in the valley, it's becoming more likely that local residents can expect possible water restrictions this summer. <http://kneb.com/index.php?more=4xx8txe>

**Associated Press - Water restrictions eyed in western Neb.** - 3/15/13 - Officials in two western Nebraska cities say water restrictions are becoming more likely this summer as drought there persists.  
<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130315/NEWS/130319481/1707>

**Union of Concerned Scientists - Limited Media Access to Federal Scientists Persists Under Obama Administration** - 3/15/13 - Some federal science agencies are doing a better job ensuring journalists and federal scientists can freely communicate than they were four years ago, but too many agencies still fail to ensure scientists' First Amendment rights.

[http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press\\_release/limited-media-access-obama-administration-0366.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press_release/limited-media-access-obama-administration-0366.html)

**ClimateWire - Obama to ask Congress for help to end future oil use** - 3/15/13 - President Obama will urge Congress today to approve a policy providing \$2 billion for battery and transportation research meant to end the use of oil in the United States. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/rss/2013/03/15/1>

**MLive (Michigan) - EPA Orders Enbridge To Do More Dredging in Kalamazoo R To Clean Up Oil** - 3/15/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is ordering Enbridge Inc. to do additional dredging in the Kalamazoo River to clean up oil from a massive 2010 spill.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2013/03/epa\\_orders\\_enbridge\\_to\\_do\\_addi.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2013/03/epa_orders_enbridge_to_do_addi.html)

**Bloomberg - Obama Will Use Nixon-Era Law to Fight Climate Change** - 3/14/15 - President Barack Obama is preparing to tell all federal agencies for the first time that they have to consider the impact on global warming before approving major projects, from pipelines to highways.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-15/obama-will-use-nixon-era-law-to-fight-climate-change.html>

**Associated Press - Shareholder wants Berkshire to set emissions goals** - 3/14/13 - Berkshire Hathaway shareholders will get another chance to require the company's utilities to set goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20130314/us-berkshire-hathaway-greenhouse-gases/>

**New York Times - Obama Seeks \$2 Billion in Research on Cleaner Fuels** - 3/15/13 - With few options available for financing his clean-energy ambitions, President Obama on Friday will propose diverting \$2 billion in revenue from federal oil and gas leases over the next decade to pay for research on advanced vehicles. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/16/us/politics/obamas-2-billion-plan-to-replace-fossil-fuels-in-cars.html>

**Reuters - Obama turns focus to research in first energy speech of second term** - 3/15/13 - President Barack Obama will try to turn the page on bitterly partisan fights over energy policy on Friday, focusing his first energy speech of his second term on proposing a modest new fund to support research.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/15/us-obama-energy-idUSBRE92E0BM20130315>

**Associated Press - Obama wants research to wean vehicles off oil - 3/15/13** - President Barack Obama is pushing Congress to authorize \$200 million a year for research into clean energy technologies that can wean automobiles off oil.

<http://www.boston.com/news/politics/2012/president/candidates/obama/2013/03/15/obama-wants-research-wean-vehicles-off-oil/6Xk1viKbbkmB2dzojnpl3M/story-1.html>

**Washington Post - EPA likely to delay climate rules for new power plants - 3/15/13** - The Obama administration is leaning toward revising its landmark proposal to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from new power plants, according to several individuals briefed on the matter, a move that would delay tougher restrictions and could anger many environmentalists. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/epa-may-delay-climate-rules-for-new-power-plants/2013/03/15/28e9d37e-8cda-11e2-b63f-f53fb9f2fcb4\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/epa-may-delay-climate-rules-for-new-power-plants/2013/03/15/28e9d37e-8cda-11e2-b63f-f53fb9f2fcb4_story.html)

**Christian Science Monitor - Obama at Argonne lab: Why batteries matter - 3/15/13** - President Obama visits a battery-research lab in suburban Chicago to announce a \$2 billion plan to boost battery and transportation research. Scientists at the lab are in pursuit of a battery that could have a profound effect on how we power our gadgets, cars, and homes. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0315/Obama-at-Argonne-lab-Why-batteries-matter>

**Forbes - Why Obama's 'Energy Security Trust' Is A Bad Idea - 3/15/13** - In an event today at the Argonne National Laboratory President Obama will be talking up his proposal, first mentioned in his State of the Union address, to create something called the Energy Security Trust. This trust would be funded by royalties from oil and gas operations on federal lands and in the Gulf of Mexico. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/christopherhelman/2013/03/15/why-obamas-energy-security-trust-is-a-bad-idea/>

**BNA Daily Environment Report - Republicans Criticize President's Call For Alternative Vehicle Research Funding - 3/15/13** - President Obama's call to establish a new trust fund for alternative vehicle research using federal revenue collected from oil and gas production was met with criticism by two House Republicans March 15. [http://news.bna.com/deln/lpages/lpages.adp?pg=breaking\\_news&bn\\_product=deln#urn:bna:a0d6y4u8m7](http://news.bna.com/deln/lpages/lpages.adp?pg=breaking_news&bn_product=deln#urn:bna:a0d6y4u8m7)

**National Geographic - As U.S. Cleans Its Energy Mix, It Ships Coal Problems Abroad - 3/15/13** - Ready for some good news about the environment? Emissions of carbon dioxide in the United States are declining. But don't celebrate just yet. A major side effect of that cleaner air in the U.S. has been the further darkening of skies over Europe and Asia. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2013/03/130315-us-coal-exports/>

**Huffington Post - Let's Talk About Environmental Debt - 3/15/13** - Today, one of our biggest financial burdens is environmental debt. In the near future, it will become the centerpiece of our financial troubles.



[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/amy-larkin/post\\_4514\\_b\\_2883616.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/amy-larkin/post_4514_b_2883616.html)

**House Energy & Commerce Committee (news release) - Energy and Commerce Members Press EPA for Answers on Climate Change Agenda for Obama's Second Term** - 3/14/13 - Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee are requesting that EPA provide further information regarding the President's climate change agenda for his second term.

<http://energycommerce.house.gov/press-release/energy-and-commerce-members-press-epa-answers-climate-change-agenda-for-obamas-second-term>

**The New York Times - The Long Shadow of Budget Cuts on U.S. Science Investment** - 3/15/13 - It was clear long ago that the pulse of stimulus spending devoted to research was a blip.

<http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/03/15/the-long-shadow-of-budget-cuts-on-u-s-science-investment/>

**The Guardian (U.K.) - Windfarm sickness spreads by word of mouth, Australian study finds** -

3/14/13 - Health complaints from people living around turbines shown to be psychological effect of anti-wind lobby making people worry. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/mar/15/windfarm-sickness-spread-word-australia>

**BNA - Regulators' Decision To Deny Petition Seeking Climate Regulations** - 3/15/13 - An Iowa state appellate court has upheld the Department of Natural Resources' decision to deny a petition to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005833&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k3n6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005833&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k3n6&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Inspector General to Review State Revolving Loan Fund Program** - 3/15/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general plans to begin preliminary research on the pace of state expenditures in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005830&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k0b3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005830&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k0b3&split=0)

**BNA - Senate Republicans Press Obama On Keystone, Discuss Natural Gas Fracking** - 3/15/13 - President Obama offered support for hydraulic fracturing, but gave no definitive timeline for making a final decision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline after Senate Republicans pressed him about the project during a closed-door meeting March 14.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005853&vname=dennotallissues&](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005853&vname=dennotallissues&)

**BNA - Chemical Security Risk-Based Tiering Methodology 'Incomplete,' GAO Says** - 3/15/13 - The Department of Homeland Security's risk-based tiering methodology for chemical facilities does not adequately consider the economic consequences of an attack nor does it assess the vulnerability of a facility to attack.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005818&vname=dennotallissues](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005818&vname=dennotallissues)

**BNB - EPA's Douglas Parker Discusses the Criminal Investigation Division - 3/15/13 - EPA's** Criminal Investigation Division (CID), housed in the agency's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training (OCEFT), conducts investigations into criminal violations of federal environmental criminal law.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005809&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x8e1z8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005809&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x8e1z8&split=0)

**BNB - The State of Environmental Crime Enforcement: A Survey of Developments in 2012 - 3/15/13 -**

The authors of this article, in their latest annual review of environmental crime enforcement, look at the prosecution of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and spill and the importance of corporate Compliance and Ethics programs.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005810&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x8e2d8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005810&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x8e2d8&split=0)

**BNB - Reid Looks to Finish 2013 Spending Bill, With Environmental Amendments Pending -**

3/15/13 - Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said March 14 he hopes the Senate will be able to complete work on a fiscal year 2013 spending bill March 18.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30005831&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k0e1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=30005831&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6x9k0e1&split=0)

**Inside EPA - States Fight Congress' Plan To Rescind EPA Funds In Budget Resolution - 3/14/13 -**

States are fighting plans to rescind up to \$50 million in unspent EPA grants to states that are included in both the House and Senate continuing resolutions (CRs) to keep the government funded through September. <http://insideepa.com/201303142427759/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/states-fight-congress-plan-to-rescind-epa-funds-in-budget-resolution/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA IG Weighs Climate Risk Reply - 3/14/13 -** EPA Inspector General (IG) Arthur Elkins Jr. says his office is still in the "very early stages" of determining how to respond to a recent request from four Democrats to assess how the agency is addressing the threat of climate change.

<http://insideepa.com/201303142427757/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-ig-weighs-climate-risk-reply/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Briefing Delayed In 2011 RFS Suit – 3/14/13 -** Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has delayed by at least a month its briefing schedule in the oil sector's suit over EPA's 2011 renewable fuel standard (RFS) cellulosic biofuel requirements.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201303142427721/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/briefing-delayed-in-2011-rfs-suit/menu-id-204.html>

**Inside EPA - Appellate Judges See No Time Bar On EPA's Water Permit Veto Power - 3/14/13 -**

Appellate judges at oral arguments over EPA's withdrawal of disposal specifications underlying a Clean Water Act (CWA) dredge-and-fill permit for a coal mine appeared to suggest the water law does not place time limits on the EPA's veto power. <http://insideepa.com/201303142427680/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/appellate-judges-see-no-time-bar-on-epas-water-permit-veto-power/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Draft Keystone Study Sparks Debate Over Pending NEPA Guide For GHGs - 3/15/13 -**  
The State Department's recently released draft environmental assessment of the Keystone XL pipeline is sparking debate among legal experts over the adequacy of its analysis of the project's greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts. <http://insideepa.com/201303152427814/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/draft-keystone-study-sparks-debate-over-pending-nepa-guide-for-ghgs/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Guidance Aims To Improve Accuracy Of PM2.5 Emissions Estimates - 3/15/13 -**  
EPA has issued draft guidance to help states more accurately estimate fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions from new or modified industrial facilities for Clean Air Act permitting purposes. <http://insideepa.com/201303152427813/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-guidance-aims-to-improve-accuracy-of-pm25-emissions-estimates/menu-id-95.html>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**3/26-27/13** – Missouri Water Environment Association & American Water Works Association Joint Conference, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**3/28/13** – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**\*4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/16/13** - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

**4/17/13** – Smart Growth Technical Assistance Event, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**\*5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**\*5/18-19/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

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**\*4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/15-17/13** - Attend Executive Management Council meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**\*5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**\*5/18-19/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**SA:**

**3/26/13** - Oklahoma Ag Bankers Association Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**\*4/10/13** - Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/16/13** - 2013 Heartland Regional Water Conference, Overland Park, Kansas Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**\*5/15/13** - Federal Executive Board Monthly Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**\*5/18-19/13** - Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**3/21/13** - Participating in Metropolitan Area Regional Council (MARC) Ambient Air Monitoring Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

**4/4/13** - Participating in East-West Gateway Council of Governments Spring Monitoring Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact Amy Bhesania, 7147.

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

None

**SUPR**

None

**WWPD**

**3/19/13** - Missouri Rural Water Association Workshop, Ashland, Mo. Contact: Stephanie Lindberg, 7423

**3/21-22/13** - Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operation Presentation to Iowa Cattlemen and Iowa State University Extension, Oskaloosa and Monticello, Iowa. Contact: Stephen Pollard, 7582

**\*3/21/13** – Metropolitan Sewer District Consent Decree Update Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, David Cozad, 7587, Jodi Bruno, 7810

**\*3/25-27/13** – Missouri Section American Water Works Association and Missouri Water Environment Association Joint Annual Meeting, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**4/1-5/13** - 2013 National Training Workshop on Clean Water 303(d) Listing and Total Maximum Daily Loads, Shepherdstown, W.Va. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

**\*4/4/13** – Missouri Water and Waste Water Conference, St. Joseph, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**\*4/16/13** – Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) and Lead Hazard Disclosure Presentation, Nebraska State Realtors Convention, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913